

LANESBOROUGH FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES—November 3, 2014

Members present: Al Teranova, Chris Galib, Ron Tinkham, Steve Wentworth

Others attending: Paul Sieloff

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

1. Discussion of the American Legion- Finance Committee will not upgrade the building. The Food pantry is a community wide system in Lanesboro. Pittsfield is the biggest user.
2. Discussion centered on the October 22nd meeting at the school. Kim Grady the special needs director had indicated she had developed a cost formula used to charge the services to the State. It may not be full reimbursement of the costs. Currently the school building is under utilized in relation to the number of students it was built for. Is the staffing at the school appropriate for the number of students ?
3. There was a brief discussion regarding the Role of the Finance Committee vs that of other departments like the School Committee. It was agreed that Paul would meet with other departments. It would be desirable to have major departments submit budgets that show a plus or minus one percentage change and what impact that would have on the department.
4. A brief discussion on whether members of the Finance Committee wanted to be called at home if they were not at the meeting. It was decided not to call if they were present.
5. It was noted that the Oct 22 minutes with School Committee would be published: They would be reviewed if Adopted at the next meeting.

New Business:

1. New Finance Committee Handbook becoming available. Five copies on CD would be mailed out.
2. Discussion regarding Bob Barton - Mt. Greylock - Lanesboro 2020 issue. Rose Ellis is retiring. Lanesboro is a Level 1 school.
3. Lakes & Roads Right of Way Committee to be emailed. Part of CAPEX budget. Only 20K for roads currently in budget.
4. Short discussion on Handyman idea brought up by Al Teranova. Maximum 6 hours per household per year.

Motion to adjourn (AT), 2d (CG), passed 4-0